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*The Newsletter for the Third Taxing District Electric Department*

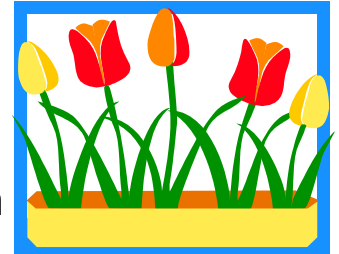
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## Your Commission

David Brown —Chairman  
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Commissioner  
John Mola—Treasurer

## May Flowers

### May is National Electrical Safety Month



According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC), statistics indicate that 40,000 residential fires annually are caused by problems with electrical wiring systems, claiming more than 180 lives and injuring 1,400 victims annually.

Consumers should check for problems with their home electrical systems. Check outlets and extension cords to make sure they aren't overloaded. Examine electrical cords to make sure they aren't frayed, damaged, or placed under rugs or carpets. Make sure that proper wattage light bulbs are being used in light fixtures and lamps. Consider installing ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs). One of the most important precautions consumers can take is to test their smoke detectors and replace smoke detector batteries semi-annually.

Be aware of what is in your home. Halogen floor lamps operate at much higher temperatures than a standard incandescent light bulb. Never place a halogen floor lamp where it could come in contact with draperies, clothing or other combustible materials. Be sure to turn the lamp off wherever you leave the room for an extended period of time and never use torchiere lamps in children's bedrooms or playrooms.

Electricity and toddlers don't mix. Help protect your child or grandchild by placing protective covers on all unused outlets within the child's reach. You can also install special devices that lock plugs into outlets so a child can't pull them out. And, finally, please locate appliances so toddlers can't pull them down on themselves by grabbing the cord.



Honor Our Veterans.  
Enjoy the Celebrations  
Of  
Freedom!

You can get a free Home Electrical Safety Check booklet by sending a self-addressed 55 cent stamped #10 envelope to: *National Electrical Safety Foundation*, 1300 North 17<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 1847, Rosslyn, VA 22209. Or you can receive other tips at the NESF website: [www.nesf.org](http://www.nesf.org).

As always, if you have any questions, you can contact your electrical department. This is another service provided to you from your public power utility.

## Upcoming Events

- May 6 & 20 Commission Meetings 7:00  
Eunice Van  
Zilen Room
- May 19 Memorial Day  
Concert  
Shea/Magrath  
Memorial  
3:00
- May 19 Memorial  
Service  
Shea/Magrath  
Memorial  
4:00
- May 27 Memorial Day  
Parade begins  
9:00 am.

## East Norwalk Distinction

*The following letter was received by Terry Rooney on behalf of the efforts of the residents of East Norwalk:*

April 22, 2002

Dear Terry,

Connecticut Regional Blood Services and the patients in Connecticut hospitals would like to thank the East Norwalk Public Library for the generous contribution of its facilities for the blood drives held there. The blood drives are always a great success!

Thanks to consistent blood collections at the East Norwalk Public Library, the lives of many hospital patients can be sustained and enriched. Between February 2000 and February 2002, we have collected 645 pints of blood from 767 donors. When spun down into components, that means 1935 lives have been affected as a result of your generosity. Thank you!

Sincerely,  
Christine Robinson  
Jamie Caldas  
CT Region Blood Services  
American Red Cross



### Memorial Day Service

The annual Memorial Day service will be held on Sunday May 19, 2002 at 4:00 pm. Music by American Festival Band starting at 3:00 pm. The guest speaker is Reverend Edward Colohan of St. Stephen's Parish in Trumbull. Rev. Colohan is a former Air Force Chaplain and native Norwalker whose father ran the market on the corner of St. John's Street.

## District News

### Safety Plea

Please, do not post signs on utility poles. One of the surest signs of spring is the garage sale. Everyone loves to go and find the hidden treasure. However, signs posted on utility poles can harm our line workers. Frequently, our line workers must climb poles to make repairs. Nails, tacks, and staples left behind from advertising signs can be dangerous to our employees. Line workers risk injury to themselves and damage to their equipment and protective clothing. If you are planning a tag sale or some other activity in your neighborhood, please do not post or hang signs to advertise it on utility poles.

Many people do not realize that posting signs on utility poles is illegal in Connecticut (Connecticut General Statutes § 23-65a) and carries a \$50.00 fine.

If you want free advertising of an upcoming event for your group or organization, feel free to send it in to

the electric department for inclusion in this newsletter. Many more people will see your event. Moreover, you will be helping our linemen at the same time. This newsletter serves you.

### Silent Auctions

Congregation Beth El, a member of the East Norwalk Interfaith Council, will be hosting a silent auction on May 26, 2002. The auction will be held at Temple Beth El, 109 East Avenue. You will be able to bid on hundreds of items. Please call the Temple at 838-2710 for further information.

Columbus Magnet School will be hosting a silent auction on May 17, 2002. The auction will be held at the Ferris Hill Club, 46 Ferris Avenue. Admission to the auction is \$10.00 per person (adults only). Please call Columbus Magnet School at 899-2844 for further information.

## The Library Corner

Your East Norwalk Community Library has been a center of activity. Open daily, except Sunday; the library has a wealth of resources available to the community. Come browse the vast collection of novels perfect for the commute into New York or to enjoy in the sun on these beautiful spring days. See the vast collection of videotapes available for home viewing. Spend time on the computers doing research for that end of year project. View the historical collection focusing on East Norwalk's rich heritage. It is all here in the center of our community.

Our librarian, Maureen Tovish, and her excellent staff have been exceedingly busy. A marvelous children's program just com-

pleted. Youngsters experienced the beauty of reading with the weekly story time in our children's section. Plans are underway for a summer reading program for the children as well as continued programs and story hours.

Dr. Mel Goldstein, Channel 8 Meteorologist, will be appearing in May to sign his new book.

Diane Smith of WTIC-TV and author of "Positively Connecticut" will sign her new book in December.

The vitality of our East Norwalk Library continues to grow. To find out more about the happenings at the library, contact our librarian, Maureen Tovish, at 838-0408.